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TAGS: GEN,EAIR, CE
SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL ELEPHANT

REF: COLOMBO 4683

1. ELEPHANT AND MAHOUT DEPARTED COLOMBO ON KLM AT 2330 HOURS DECEMBER 28, TWO HOURS BEHIND SCHEDULE, BUT ARE STILL EXPECTED TO ARRIVE NEW YORK DECEMBER 29 AT 1530 HOURS ON KLM 641.

2. AS ELEPHANT STILL BABY ON INFANT MILK FOOD DIET, MAHOUT REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY ON TRIP TO US. GSL DIRECTED KLM TO CARRY MAHOUT FROM COLOMBO TO NEW YORK. KLM GAVE MAHOUT FREE TICKET AS FAR AS AMSTERDAM BUT REFUSED TO ISSUE FREE TICKET FOR AMSTERDAM-NEW YORK LEG WITHOUT PRIOR CAB APPROVAL. LOCAL KLM OFFICE APPARENTLY THOUGHT REQUEST THROUGH EMBASSY (REFTEL) WAS SUFFICIENT AND DID NOT MAKE APPLICATION FOR PERMIT DIRECTLY TO CAB UNTIL DECEMBER 28. AS THIS WAS TOO LATE TO OBTAIN CAB APPROVAL BEFORE FLIGHT DEPARTED, GSL PAID FOR MAHOUT'S TRAVEL FROM AMSTERDAM TO NEW YORK.
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